



REGULAR MEETING
Agenda for
Wednesday, November 12, 2003,
5th Floor Large Conference Room – 4:00 P.M.
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA

CASE REVIEW – 4:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Brewer, Gardner, Howe, O'Meara, Percy, and Ward

Absent: Commissioners Davidson, Garcia, and Huerta

Public Comment

There were no public comments on Closed Session items.

Closed Session – Case Reviews

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 4:12 p.m. to discuss issues pertaining to PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTERS.

<u>CPRC CASE NO.</u>	<u>IA CASE NO.</u>
02-124	P3-02-321-041
03-044	PC-03-149-326
03-058	PC-03-232-091
03-063	PC-03-249-109
03-065	PC-03-253-091

The Commission recessed at 5:39 p.m. to reconvene in the Council Chambers at 5:40 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – 5:30 P.M.

**The following proceedings have been digitally recorded.
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Chairman Gardner led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Gardner asked Ms. Sherron to confirm commissioner attendance.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Brewer, Davidson, Gardner, Howe, O'Meara, Percy, and Ward

Absent: Commissioners Garcia and Huerta
Alternate Commissioners Corral and Quinto

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the minutes for the October regular meeting. Commissioner Davidson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report & Comments

The Executive Director had no comments.

Commissioner's Comments

Chairman Gardner commented on his attendance of the Riverside African-American Historical Society's event in October recognizing two African-American citizens, one of whom was Commissioner Bill Howe. He was honored as the first African-American police chief at UCR.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Recognition of Former Commissioners Mr. Bill Floyd and Dr. William Hendrick

The Commission recognized the service of Mr. Bill Floyd and Dr. William Hendrick as CPRC commissioners with the presentation to each of a plaque from the City and a Raincross Bell from the Commission. As Dr. Hendrick was unable to attend, the Chair asked the Executive Director to deliver Dr. Hendrick's items to him.

Officer-Involved Death Investigations

Chairman Gardner said this item was about how the CPRC investigator will be used in the future, noting that it would be different than in the past. The Chair asked that the commissioners review the case information that had been given to them regarding one of the OID cases and asked that they make a list of items on which they have questions. Those questions would go to the investigator for use in his

investigation. The items of concern would then be sent to PD for resolution before the CPRC would make its finding.

Mary Shelton

Ms. Shelton said she'd hoped there would be more discussion on this issue. She said she was disappointed in Investigator Wight's report on the Munoz incident, saying it was shorter than that of the DA's or IA's. Ms. Shelton also spoke about CPRC's independent investigations and the fact that the investigator can't interview officers, only civilian witnesses.

Joint Ad-hoc Committees with Human Relations Commission (HRC)

Mr. Williams told the Commission that he had attended the Human Relations Commission's (HRC's) Executive Committee meeting. He was asked if the CPRC would be interested in joining with the HRC to form an ad hoc committee to address three issues: traffic stop studies / racial profiling, mediation, and a joint community member / police award. He then turned the floor over to Dr. Bob Gill, HRC commissioner.

Dr. Gill said the HRC has met with RPD regarding the traffic stop / racial profiling issue. He said it's mandated by the Attorney General's office, but the objective is still unclear. He said it was thought that the CPRC would have the same kind of general interest as the HRC and that it would be constructive for the two commissions to form a committee to discuss the issue.

Dr. Gill said that the HRC has long felt a need for more mediation services in the city. He said that mediation would not only be beneficial in neighbor disputes and landlord-tenant disputes, but also with respect to problems that develop with the Police Department. He said the HRC felt the CPRC might be interested in joining them to look at ways to promote mediation in the city.

Dr. Gill then said that the joint community member / police award was an issue resulting from an HRC Study Circle topic of Police / Community Relations. It was learned from these sessions that there isn't a way of recognizing good cooperation between the police and the community. He said the award wouldn't be something that would be given out monthly, but would recognize significant achievement when it occurs.

He asked that the CPRC consider joining with the HRC to create a joint ad hoc committee to discuss and work on these issues. Chairman Gardner said he felt the committee would be of value to the community and both commissions. He asked if there were any CPRC commissioners interested. Commissioner Brewer said he was interested. Chairman Gardner said he would also, but would withdraw in favor of other interested commissioners to avoid a quorum.

Mary Shelton

Ms. Shelton asked how a joint committee on racial profiling would work, noting that there were already a couple of studies out, one, she believed, by UCR. She asked which study the committee would use.

Ms. Shelton said that the Police Officers' union supports mediation. She said that for some complaints it may be appropriate, but for others it isn't. She said it could be hard to arrange for mediation between a citizen and an officer when the citizen feels "victimized" by the officer. She also said she didn't want to see mediation used to by-pass the CPRC. She said mediation has a place, but criteria needs to be established as to which complaints go to mediation and which ones go to the CPRC.

Chairman Gardner said the issues raised by Ms Shelton would be issues that would be discussed by the ad hoc committee.

Mr. Williams said he had been looking into mediation recently and there are two components to successful mediation. He said there is discrimination with regard to which complaints could and could not go to mediation, noting that use of force would be one type of complaint that would not go to mediation. He also said that mediation is voluntary for both parties.

Dr. Gill said that part of the purpose of the ad hoc committee would be to sort through the issues previously mentioned.

Dr. Ron Bailey

Dr. Bailey said he had asked about mediation while at the NACOLE conference and learned that the Attorney General's office has a mediation board that is available to citizens throughout the state.

Committee Reports

Outreach Committee – Brian Percy, Committee Chair

The Outreach Committee met just prior to the CPRC meeting. They covered the need for outreach and the need to not only educate the community about the Commission, but also correct misperceptions of what the Commission is, what it does, and what it doesn't do. They discussed with staff the development of a PowerPoint presentation and a set of handouts for use at community meetings. After the new year, events would be scheduled for commissioners to attend. Alternates would be included in these plans.

Workshop Committee – Jim Ward, Committee Chair

Commissioner Ward advised the Commission he has most of the workshop date and time surveys back and will be calling a committee meeting soon to deal with the issues of when to meet, agenda items, etc.

The Commission adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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